

Dublin, May 3, 1859

Dear Mr May

First, about your letter that I printed, I am a lunatic. I was indeed not quite sure that you did not mean that I should do ~~it~~ but to prevent mistakes I omitted some passages & consulted Mrs Webb who is my principal counsellor & a very good one too, & I am pretty sure she said that I was safe. As to Mrs Chapman I have an awful fear of her. I know how treacherous & how secretive she is. Like many other very able people, she has a good opinion of the span she occupies in people's minds - a far greater span than the reality. When the truth is that, with a few exceptions, in each individual case, people really can but tell about one another, they don't bother their heads. One of the heaviest burdens we have to bear is this. We hate when my feelings to see people laugh & smile & soon after the death of those nearest to them. How many do you suppose cared about your letter - so far as to modify their thoughts or hairs breadth on one side or on the other respecting Mrs Chapman? And then why

should Mrs Chapman hesitate about
your saying openly that she did what she
is willing the whole world should know
that she glories in doing? I am sure
I don't comprehend the kind of secret-
ness. ~~Believe~~ Neither ^{can} I comprehend much
of what she writes from its downright ab-
scurity, how can I take in the grand
of her ~~enormous~~ ^{enormous} secretiveness. My offence
was the more venial, as you have often
obliged me with papers for the Advocate,
& it is such a good thing for you to do,
as it gives the poor little paper an air
of ~~secretiveness~~ ^{importance} & freshness to
have the help of such far away corre-
spondents. All this time I have a
most hearty & profound respect & admi-
ration for Mrs Chapman. I know of no
nobler woman, though I ~~think~~ ^{think} she
thinks she sometimes makes too much
ado about a trifle.

Now about the subscribers to the Libe-
rated. Of the 22 names you present to
me, I have written to 11 in consequence, asking
them to pay up to the end of this year in
order to have the account quite straight-

For 7 mms I have the money for 1859.

For 4 the money for 1859 has been already paid according to your list. The only doubtful ones are the payments for 1858 of Miss Eatten & Miss Houghton; if they paid me, I lent the money on, and then I will know when I hear from them. But hitherto I merely forwarded

the money I recd. - never knowing precisely the exact period it was for - so that whether the money ^{was} paid for 1858 or 1859 in your books, I did not know. I have made a particular request in the letter, I have written that the money up to the end of this year should be paid by all who are ~~for~~ it; in order that the keeping of the accounts in future may be made as easy as possible to you & to me. But for a sample of the difficulties. Miss

Whitelegg lately paid me for one year saying it paid from about 1859 to April 1860 - whereas by your books it would only pay for 1859 to the last day of the year. I think it much less puzzling to

call a subscription for 1859 than to 1st Jan. 1860. The whole period is covered &

I cheer. As to a formal appointment
I don't think I needed. I am known to
them all, unless I except Mr Scott of
Lford whom I never heard of till I saw his
name on your last post furnished.

As to the money that was in doubt between
us. I don't think it will be explained by
the answer of Miss Estlin & Miss Lupton
for 1858. I am pretty sure that if I got
the money I paid it in the large sum
I sent last year, £25 odd. I will you
would refer to the particulars of that sum
& see if they are among the items. My
wife handles over the account to my son
who keeps my books now & who receives
all sums sent to me for Lib. & Standard.
How much writing it takes to explain
what could be settled in a moment by
a few words!

As to C. K. Whipple's article. It came
in your letter the day after the arrival
of the letter about Mr Chapman & the
Lib. to the Liberator. How did they
happen to come so soon together? I
am about to print the Advocate
Inter which you recommended. But as
it will not come into a 1/4 sheet, I must

make up a whole sheet with some
other matters I had by me that were
too late for the last number. The
last number (that for May) contained
a good deal of Whipple - & other new
letters as late to the same time - but it
is good stuff & such as our people
want as much as any other. If we
could only make our people look at C. H. W.
done upon of proslavery American pro-
posers of religion, our work would be
done to some purpose. But this is
exceedingly difficult. You may attack
the Baptists, & the Presbyterians with
ease - You may show how proslavery
the Methodists are, & the Friends appear;
but say a word about proslavery Friends
or Methodists, & these behold they show
their teeth, or even bite you with ~~very~~
~~severe~~ or set you down as a profane
messenger with holy things & a defiler of the
ark. What I propose to do with the Extras is
to send them to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds &
London & Liverpool, with a request to Friends
there to circulate them. I rely chiefly on
the Leeds people, for this work - as they are
young, vigorous & energetic.

On looking over the list of Subscribers
again, after reading your letter, I am sure
that with some of them we could help for
much to. for 1858. with there be any diffi-
culty. I hope in another month to be
able to send good money & a clear return
for them all - Squaring the whole up to the
end of this year. I have always taken
great care of any money I had - but until
now I had never a clear idea of the terms
for which each subscriber owed.

As to what Mr. Wigham writes to you about
G. T. I do not understand it. She has
probably some knowledge that is not acceptable
to me. G. T.'s affairs are a puzzle & have
been for many years. The worst thing
about such difficulties is that it is so im-
possible for any ordinary efforts to relieve
them unless the man can help himself.
His recent speeches in behalf of reform I don't
understand or sympathize with. He is not
in a position to devote time or strength to
political contests - unless he is well paid
for what he attempts.

As to the trunks you speak of sending to
Leeds, I think they had better come first
to me. In this way the cost of forwarding
2 packets instead of one will be saved,
should the book post from Dublin to Leeds
will not be more than from Liverpool to
Leeds. Never hesitate to make use of
me. In sending to me I think it would
be cheaper to direct to me ~~direct~~ to the
care of the City of Dublin Company's
office, Liverpool, as there an intermediate
agent will be avoided.

Miss Remond writes beside me. She had
an interview with Abps. Whately. His family
& a group of friends at the Palace today & a
long talk on A.S. matters. She is really
very clever - the most so of all the colored
people I ever met, except Douglass, & is a very
much more sensible & thorough going person
than he. Except Wendell Phillips I don't

think you could have a more effective
agent here. She is far less crochety than
Wright or Pillsbury. She has more common
sense - & her devotion to the cause & its
friends is thorough. We like her very
much.

I saw into at the last moment. I
send some Extras by this post. Miss Remond
will undertake to scatter a number of
them. While you send me the
Liberator No. 11 of the current volume.
Some how or other it never reached me &
I wish to complete my set. Number Eleven.

Yours cordially

Richd D Webb

I also enclose a ~~reply to your~~ list of
particulars as far as I am yet able to
give them

I thought it better to print the Extras im-
mediately. If Miss Estlin approves, will it
good? If she de means, I will have to charge
the Am. A. S. S. with at least part of the cost.